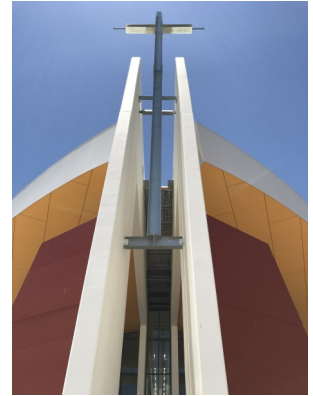


BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH

- **PALM BEACH, OUR LADY OF THE WAY CHURCH - Eleventh Ave, Palm Beach**
- **MIAMI, CALVARY CHURCH - Santa Monica Rd, Miami**
- **MUDGEERABA, ST. BENEDICT'S CHURCH - Wallaby Dr, Mudgeeraba**
- **BURLEIGH HEADS COMMUNITIES**
 - **Burleigh Heads - INFANT SAVIOUR CHURCH, Park Av, Burleigh Heads**
 - **Burleigh Waters - Marymount College, Reedy Creek Rd, Burleigh Waters**



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Fourth Sunday of Advent 18 December, 2016

Year A: Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Churches

Last Monday we celebrated the 13th anniversary of the Dedication of Infant Saviour Church. The beautiful readings and prayers of the Mass for the anniversary of a Dedication of a Church remind us that beyond the building, the people of God are a living temple, building up the body of Christ. As a building is aligned on its foundations, we are built on Christ as our cornerstone and only foundation.

This celebration coincided with the first meeting to plan the liturgy for the Dedication of Mary, Mother of Mercy on **24 February**. This ceremony will not only permanently consecrate this building to divine worship, but will focus on God's people, gathering to give God praise and thanks within our sacramental celebrations. Please note this date in your 2017 calendar.

This coming week we will mark the anniversaries of the blessing of Our Lady of the Way church, Palm Beach [20 Dec] and Calvary church, Miami [22 Dec]. Palm Beach will recall their anniversary on Wednesday 5:30pm, and Miami on Friday at noon.

New Church

This coming week will see our builders down tools for a well earned rest and Christmas with their families. Work will resume on 9 January. Our prayers continue for the safety and well being of all who work on this building site. There have been hundreds of workers from various trades who have left their mark through their skill and determination to see the project completed. THANK YOU!

Another farewell

Fr Stanley, our new associate pastor, visited this week to gain some insights into his new place of ministry. His first Masses will be on New Year's Day.

In recent years there has been a fairly consistent "turn-over" of priests. This year, we farewelled Fr Lucius and now Fr Stephen, and the year before Fr Houg. Associate Pastors are normally appointed for three years. Your encouragement of these priests is vitally important as they are often new in the ministry or in our Country, and are finding their way. Gentle encouragement from parishioners means so much, and priests are always thankful for this.

Fr Stephen has made a significant contribution to the life and ministry of this Parish in the two years he has been with us. They have been years of both discovery and joy as he moved into life as a priest. We sincerely thank him for his energy and enthusiasm for the mission of the Parish and priestly ministry. His farewell is today after the 10am Doyle Centre Mass. His final Masses will be Sunday 8 January.

Sacrament of Penance

We place emphasis on celebrating this sacrament in the lead up to the Christmas festival. While I may become nostalgic as I think back 20 years and to the large numbers of people celebrating the Sacrament in this Parish, I can only urge you not to neglect this aspect of your sacramental life. We all need to confront the effects of sin in our lives, but also, above all, to experience and be touched by God's merciful love.

Christmas

An early greeting to those parishioners who will travel away for Christmas. May your gathering with family and loved ones be filled with rich blessing and the joy of this Holy Season.

Fr Ken Howell

Parish Weekly Diary....

Monday, 19 December

7.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads
9.00am **Mass** - Miami
5.30pm Sung Evening Prayer - Burleigh Heads
7.00pm Second Rite of Reconciliation - Mudgeeraba

Tuesday, 20 December

7.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads
12 noon Second Rite of Reconciliation - Miami

Wednesday, 21 December

7.00am **Mass** - Miami
9.30am **Mass** - Ozanam Villa
5.30pm **Mass** - Palm Beach
6.00pm Second Rite of Reconciliation - Burleigh

Thursday, 22 December

7.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads
5.15pm **Mass** - Mudgeeraba

Friday, 23 December

9.00am **Mass** - Robina Hospital
12 noon **Mass** - Miami

Saturday, 24 December

Sat 8.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads
Sat 11.00am Sacrament of Penance - Miami

Saturday, 24 December

The Nativity of the Lord

Sat 5.00pm **Mass** - Miami
Sat 5.00pm **Mass** - Mudgeeraba
Sat 6.00pm **Mass** - Doyle Centre, Marymount
Sat 6.00pm **Mass** - Palm Beach
Sat 7.30pm **Mass** - Burleigh Heads
Midnight **Mass** - Burleigh Heads

SUNDAY, 25 December

The Nativity of the Lord

7.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads
7.00am **Mass** - Palm Beach
8.30am **Mass** - Miami
8.30am **Mass** - Mudgeeraba
10.00am **Mass** - Doyle Centre, Marymount

MASS TIMES are available on our Website -
www.burleighheadscatholic.com.au/Masstimes

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION:

We welcome our visitors and ask all to respect the Universal Church practice of receiving the Lord's Body and Blood: the Body of Christ is received on the hand or the tongue and the Blood of Christ is received by drinking from the chalice. We kindly ask you to refrain from dipping the host into the chalice if this is your custom.

MARY, MOTHER OF MERCY CHURCH

"Confidence in God's Love"

How would we approach Mary's story today? Mary's "Yes" to God must have made life very difficult for her. Joseph & Mary's story speaks to each and every one of us today. Joseph and Mary prove to us that faith and love are never mutually exclusive. They acknowledged the gift of love being prepared for themselves and for the world. As we hurry about preparing for Christmas in our families or with friends, let us ponder this gift and receive it readily into our hearts this Christmas.

Let us be grateful for our many blessings in our Parish and schools community. For the faith and love of all who serve Jesus in so many ways. For the joy and friendship of those we encounter in our faith life. We are blessed to be completing our Mary Mother of Mercy Church in the near future to be a symbol of the faith and love of our community and a light to future generations children and parishioners who will follow us.

With this thought in mind let us approach the final weeks of our appeal with patience and pride in what we are contributing and achieving towards our Saviour's plan. Please keep our Appeal brochures, and envelopes prominent on the seats and in our Churches over the Christmas holiday period and tell visitors, friends and family about the building of our new Church.

Thanks to those helping in any way, with leaflet handout collections after our Christmas masses when we will welcome large numbers of visitors. We are very close and if you can help our project and our appeal in any way, you will be showing your confidence in God's love for all.

Our fundraising committee wishes all the joy and blessing that Christmas brings and thanks each and every one of you for your support.

- **A Christmas gold coin collection for Mary, Mother of Mercy Furnishing Appeal**

At the end of all Christmas Masses, there will be a bucket drop for the Mary, Mother of Mercy furnishing appeal. Your Christmas coin will help purchase some Stations of the Cross for our new church.



This photo shows progress on the Mary, Mother of Mercy Statue. Here we are looking up at the Christ child being held in Mary's arms. This sculpture is being carved in wood in the north of Italy. We are seeking donations towards this significant commission.

Many dusty pews were resurrected from storage this week and will make a new home in St Patrick's Church, Beenleigh.

These are the remaining pews from the original Infant Saviour that are now surplus to requirement.



Parish News and Happenings

Second Rite of Reconciliation

Mudgeeraba - Monday 19 December, 7pm

Miami - Tuesday 20 December, 12 noon

Burleigh Heads - Wednesday 21 December, 6pm

Christmas Mass Times

Saturday 24 December		Sunday 25 December	
5pm	Calvary Church, Miami	7am	Infant Saviour, Burleigh Heads
5pm	St Benedict's, Mudgeeraba	7am	Our Lady of the Way, Palm Beach
6pm	Doyle Centre, Marymount	8.30am	Calvary Church, Miami
6pm	Our Lady of the Way, Palm Beach	8.30am	St Benedict's, Mudgeeraba
7.30pm	Infant Saviour, Burleigh Heads	10am	Doyle Centre, Marymount
Midnight	Infant Saviour, Burleigh Heads	** PLEASE NOTE: NO 5.30pm Mass	

- **FR STEPHEN CAMIOLO** leaves us on 8 January. His **Farewell Morning Tea** will take place after the 10am Doyle Centre Mass on **this Sunday 18 December**. Please bring a plate to share. "Thank you" gift envelopes are available today.

- **SACRAMENT OF PENANCE** - Please see times for the Communal Penance celebrations [according to the 2nd Rite - communal with individual confession and absolution]. Also there will be **Individual Penance on Saturday 24 December** at Miami at 11am. {please note that the regular Saturday evening session of confession **will not** be able to be offered on 24 December.}

- **CONGRATULATIONS** to Jim O'Brien from Palm Beach who celebrated his 100th Birthday last Saturday. Best wishes from all parishioners.

- Results of the **CWL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**
1st prize - Deirdre Frain
2nd prize - Arsenia Cherry
3rd prize - Dick O'Halloran
4th prize - Leda Baldovino
5th prize - Rendell Yepes
Thank you to all who supported the raffle and special thanks to all the ticket sellers. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

- **SUNG EVENING PRAYER FOR ADVENT** - Monday, 5.30pm, Infant Saviour Church. All welcome.

- The Infant Saviour **MEDITATION GROUP** will recommence on Thursday 2 February at Kay Harding's home, as in previous years, and then in Infant Saviour meeting room from Thursday 9 February.

- **THE CATHOLIC LEADER** - Brisbane Catholic primary school student bowled over at receiving Prime Minister's NAIDOC medal ... Stories of five Brisbane Catholics receiving papal honours ... Chaldean archbishop forced out of Mosul with his people and now serving in Australia writes on the challenge of loving in the face of evil ... Young Brisbane executive attends United Nations headquarters to advocate for a UN Convention on the Rights of Older Persons.

- **CENTENARY of the DAUGHTERS OF OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART CORINDA** - Mass, 6pm, Saturday 28 January, St Joseph's, Corinda. Dinner to follow at Sherwood Services Club. Phone 3379 1534.

- Communities in East Timor, PNG and Kiribati are asking for educators, health professionals and tradespeople to mentor their local personnel. Their aim is sustainable poverty reduction through self-reliance. They have asked **PALMS AUSTRALIA** to recruit, prepare and support those who volunteer. In appreciation of any who undertake this mission in 2017 the church also offers considerable financial support. Applications must close very soon. Please email palms@palms.org.au or call Christine on (02) 9560 5333 to learn more about this wonderful opportunity.

PLANNED GIVING LAST WEEK - ☺

CODE: ☺☺ = very good;
☺ = good;
☺ = 'hangin' in there;
☺ = help!

Planned Giving roster this week: Palm Beach

BAPTISMS

We welcome to our faith community Kayla Monica Felici (*Infant Saviour, Burleigh Heads*) who was baptised last week.

FUNERALS

Last week we celebrated the funeral of Letizia Rossi who has died in Christ.

Let us remember her family and friends in our prayers this week.

God will raise you up on eagle's wings

SICK & SPECIAL NEEDS

Your prayers have been requested for Michael Allan, Deanne Allul, Gail Andrews, Ngoc Diep Armstrong, Patricia Ashton, Taylor Austin, Glenys Bailey, Margaret Badke, John Beatie, Demosthenes Baldovino, Elizabeth Boase, Leigh Boulcher, John Boyes, Fr Tom Breen, Bruce Brew, Sylvia Brewer, Jacob Burgstaller, Lily Burgstaller, James Burke, Deborah Campani, John Camiolo, Annette Castle, Madeline Church, Carmel Clifford, Maryanne Condon, John Costigan, Chris Curran, Neville Daley, Graham Delahunty, Thomas Delany, Edna Devlin, Joseph Dick, Patricia Dowling, Vikki Dwyer, Fr Des Fitzgerald, Rita Formosa, Des Fox, Lance Fry, Norma Greenland, Geromy Grima, Fred Grioli, Viviane Haddad, Soakimi Halavatau, Hazel Harvey, Robert Harvey, Vera Havlik, Cheryl Hingerty, Jean Hokin, Patricia Holmes, Angelika Huber, Norman Ingle, Annette Kassulke, Margaret Kennedy, Paul Mason, Denis McEnery, Anne McInnes, Patrick McMahon, Carmel Meldon, Mary Menso (Littlefield), Betty Murdoch, Jacquie Murphy, June Newdick, Damian Normice, Mary Nutter, Heather Oakes, Mary O'Brien, Paul O'Connor, Eileen O'Neill, Phil O'Neill, Michael Onn, Sean O'Reilly, Maureen O'Sullivan, Noel O'Sullivan, Anne Owens, Joan Parker, Mike Parker, Eugene Paul, Anna Pereira, Danny Ricciuti, Peter Reid, Lance Robinson, Reg Rowan, Peter Ryan, Edna Ryding, Dennis Samson, Lito Santos, Helene Scarff, Lina Schembri, Bernie Seeto, William Sheehan, Pacing Soriano, Isaac Stafrace, Andrew Supple, Carmel Taylor, Lisa Taylor, Fr Keith Teefey, Nemcio Toledo, Lena and Frank Usaj, Gerald Vanrongen, John Walker, Sylvia Wesley, Dan Wilson, Graham Zendler, Norah Zipf, the sick of our Parish and all in need of God's healing Spirit.

DECEASED

Masses have been requested for the recently deceased and for friends and relatives whose anniversaries occur about this time: Patrick Monisse, Helen Eadie, Jacki Maggs, Brian Duffy, Agnes Duffy, Billie & Keith Supple, Antoine Haddad, Mary Rizzuto.

*May the choir of angels come to greet you ...
May you find eternal life.*



Living expenses for a child in an orphanage - What price can we put on not only keeping a child alive but also ensuring that he or she has a chance to thrive? Chances are that we would be willing to spend a lot more than \$48. However, that's all it takes with a contribution through Catholic Mission's Life Giving Gifts catalogue. Your gift will cover the cost of caring for one child in an orphanage for one month, including accommodation, food, medicines, proper sanitation and education. Visit www.catholicmission.org.au/gifts to find out how your gift of \$48 can transform a life.

Liturgical Music for Fourth Sunday of Advent

INTRODUCTORY RITES:

Gathering:

The Magnificat

My soul proclaims the Lord, my God,
my spirit sings God's praise!
God looks on me, and lifts me up,
and gladness fills my days.

All nations now will share my joy,
for gifts God has outpoured;
the little ones God has made great;
I magnify the Lord.

God's mercy is forever more.
God's name I praise again.
God's strong right arms puts down the proud
and raises lowly ones.

God fills the hungry with good things,
the rich are sent away.
The promise made to Abraham
is filled by God each day.

Lighting of Advent Candle:

Response: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Psalm Response:



Let the Lord en-ter;



he is king of glo - ry.

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Gospel Acclamation:



Light of nations - Al - le lu - ia,



Light in darkness. Ma-ra-na-tha

Risen Saviour - Alleluia - Lord of glory - Maranatha!
You we long for - Alleluia - You we thirst for - Maranatha!
Here among us - Alleluia - Living in us - Maranatha!

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:

Communion:

Emmanuel

'Emmanuel', Emmanuel',
his name shall be 'Emmanuel',
'God with us', revealed in us.
His name shall be 'Emmanuel'.

'The Prince of peace', 'the Prince of peace',
his name shall be 'the Prince of peace';
peace he gives that knows no end.
His name shall be 'the Prince of peace'.

'Eternal God', 'eternal God',
his name shall be 'eternal God';
Lord of all, his kingdom come.
His name shall be 'eternal God'.

Thanksgiving:

Come, O Lord

O King of Peace, reign in my heart,
and join the ends of all the earth as one,
that I might join and sing in one great song;
and I will try to do my part,
reach out to those around me ev'ry day,
that I might bring your peace to one another.

*Come, O Lord! Come to ev'ry heart
and waken all who sleep to your joy.
O Emmanuel, come to my heart,
I still look for the joy your Christmas brings,
and I would be your presence in the world.*

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CONCLUDING RITES

Dismissal:

Let There Be Peace On Earth

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth,
the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father, we are family.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me,
let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
to take each moment and live each moment
in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

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